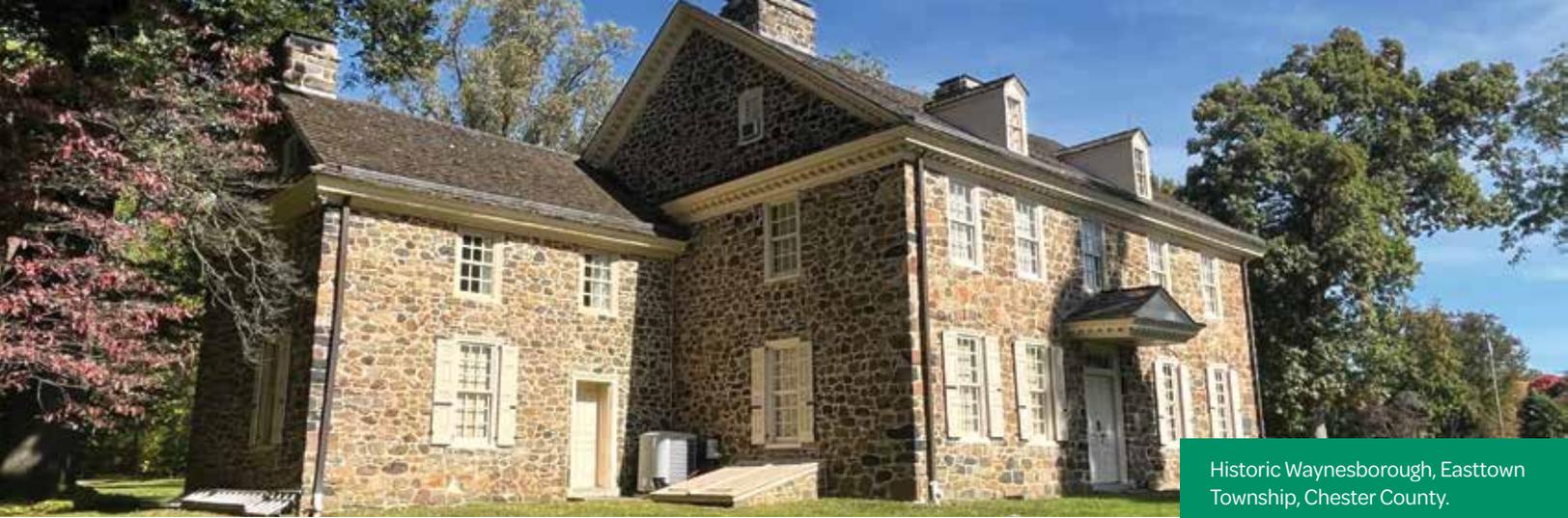


# Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Office

Annual Report 2022



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PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL & MUSEUM COMMISSION



Historic Waynesborough, Easttown Township, Chester County.

# Welcome to PA SHPO

## Administration

In Pennsylvania, the executive director of the Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission serves as the state historic preservation officer. The director of the Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Office (PA SHPO) is the deputy state historic preservation officer.

## Historic Preservation Board

The National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (NHPA), as amended, requires each state historic preservation program to maintain an adequate and qualified state review board. In Pennsylvania, it is also required by the Pennsylvania History Code. This body is known as the Historic Preservation Board and includes 15 members appointed by the governor.

## PA SHPO Divisions

PA SHPO is divided into four units, each with different programs and responsibilities under NHPA and the Pennsylvania History Code. Together, the divisions provide public outreach, education, training and technical assistance to all constituents.

### Preservation Services

The Preservation Services Division manages the National Register of Historic Places, administers the Certified Local Government (CLG) program, and assists municipalities and organizations with community preservation planning.

### Preservation Incentives

The Preservation Incentives Division administers the Keystone Historic Preservation Grant Program, manages the Pennsylvania Historical Marker Program, and assists applicants applying for the federal Historic Tax Credit and state Historic Preservation Tax Credit programs.

### Environmental Review

The Environmental Review Division manages the consultation process for project reviews that may affect historic properties, including archaeological sites, in cooperation with state and federal agencies under NHPA and the Pennsylvania History Code.

### Mapping, Assistance, Resources & Survey

The MARS Division oversees PA SHPO's historic and archaeological resource survey programs (PAGS and PASS), manages PA-SHARE and its companion mobile tool Surveyor, triages incoming projects, conducts initial project reviews, and assists users through the PA-SHARE Help Desk.

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PA SHPO uses its resources to educate Pennsylvanians about the commonwealth's vast collection of historic and archaeological resources, encourage them to value these resources as part of our collective past and future, and enable them to preserve the places that tell our local, state and national stories for future generations.

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# A Year of Activities and Accomplishments

The benefits of PA SHPO's historic preservation programs can be seen throughout the commonwealth. These programs help Pennsylvanians realize preservation outcomes for the places that are important to them through activities that support, commemorate, advise, record and educate.

**\$335+ million**

of new rehabilitation work in Pennsylvania's communities through historic tax credits

**60**

historic places recognized for their significance with a Historical Marker or National Register listing

**47**

places closer to reaching their goals because of a Keystone Historic Preservation planning or construction grant

**29,833**

people engaged through PA SHPO outreach

**8,000+**

reviews for federal- or state-funded projects

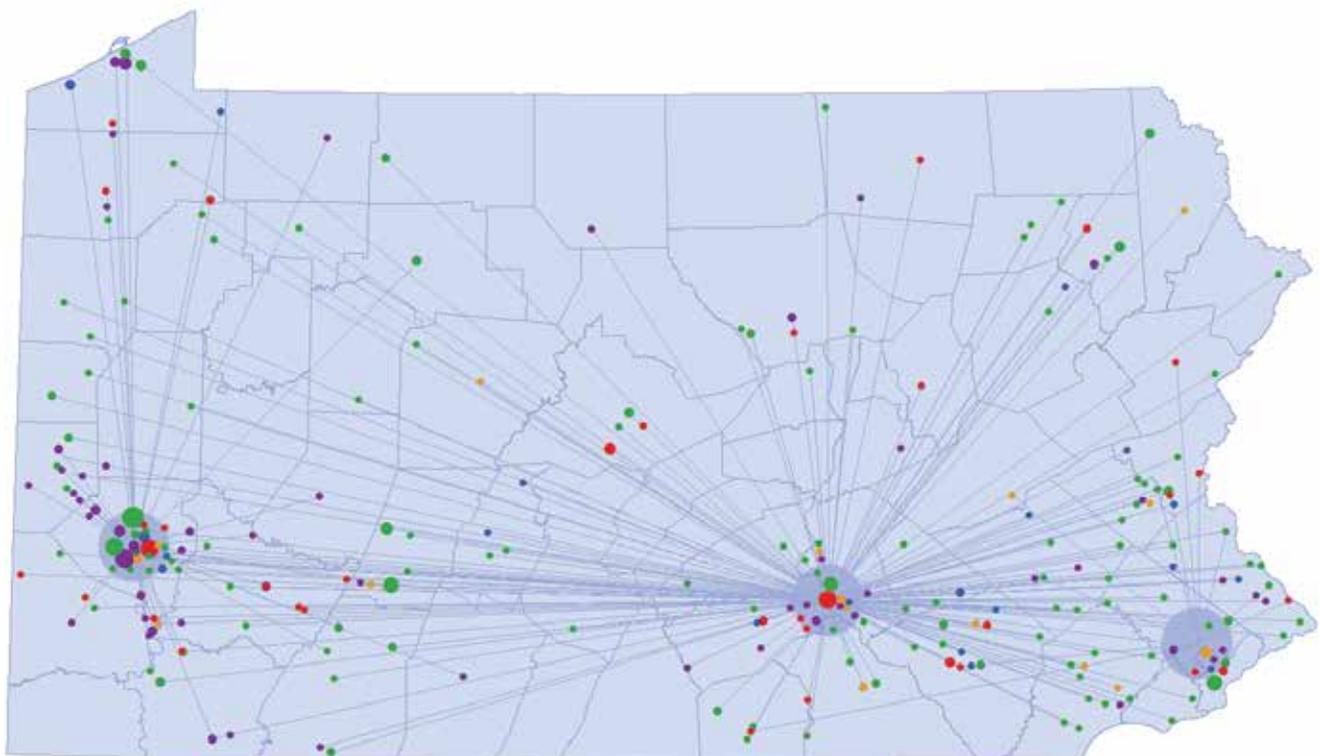
**14,580+**

historic and archaeological resources added to PA-SHARE

**491**

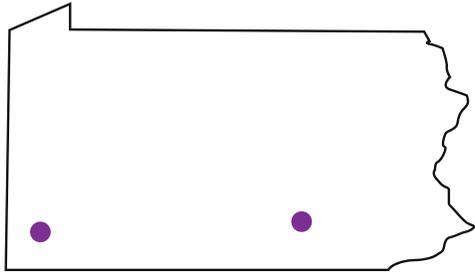
in-person and virtual events

This map represents the many ways and many places that PA SHPO's 27 staff members in three offices—Fort Washington, Harrisburg and Pittsburgh—make connections between people, place and community.



● Supporting    ● Commemorating    ● Advising    ● Recording    ● Educating

# SUPPORTING



New sources of funding to preserve historic barns and metal truss bridges were announced in October 2022. PASHPO played a significant role in the development and implementation of these programs.

The Historic Barn and Farm Foundation of Pennsylvania (HBFF) launched a matching grant program to encourage the maintenance and repair of historic barns throughout Pennsylvania. The grant program was developed as mitigation during the Section 106 consultation for a Federal Highway Administration-funded roadway project. Through this funding program, matching grant awards of up to \$2,500 will be distributed as a reimbursement after the project is completed in accordance with the agreed upon plan and renovation standards.

In 2017 the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT), in conjunction with the Federal Highway Administration and PA SHPO, published the Historic Metal Truss Bridge Management Plan as a planning tool to maximize the changes of preserving Pennsylvania's metal truss bridges. One of the outcomes of the planning process was PennDOT's federally funded Historic Metal Truss Bridge Capital Rehabilitation Program to promote and fund the rehabilitation of historic metal truss bridges for continued vehicular use. Set to last for 10 years, the program will receive \$1 million in 2023 and 2024, then \$2 million per year starting in 2025, bringing the grand total for the program to \$18 million.



The rehabilitation of the Iams Hill Road Bridge in Amwell Township, Washington County, is being funded by the bridge rehabilitation program.

PHOTO BY PENNDOT

Adverse effects on the Archibald Rankin Farm barn complex in Franklin County from a roadway project resulted in the creation of a HBFF grant program as mitigation.

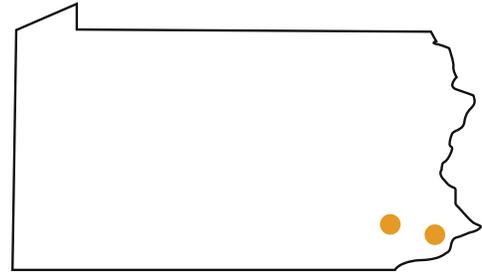


# ● ● ● COMMEMORATING ● ● ●

Pennsylvania Historical Markers are one of the ways in which PA SHPO and PHMC help communities commemorate their past.

In Philadelphia, when students learned that a citywide walkout of middle and high school students in 1967 was a major contributor to culturally inclusive education, they were compelled to seek out the participants. On Nov. 17, 1967, thousands of middle and high school students organized a citywide walkout to the former Board of Education Building here and were met with police violence. It was one of the largest and earliest youth-led demonstrations in the national ethnic studies movement. Students' demands for culturally inclusive education were realized in 2005 when Philadelphia became the first US school district to mandate African American studies. Their efforts culminated in the recognition of one of the earliest and largest youth-led demonstrations on a Historical Marker.

In Chester County, music connected people from across the county at the marker dedication for James Joseph "Jim" Croce. The Songwriter Hall of Fame inductee wrote or completed many of his most successful songs during his short residence at the Lyndell farmhouse in Downingtown in the early 1970s. His music remains popular and has been featured in many films and TV shows.



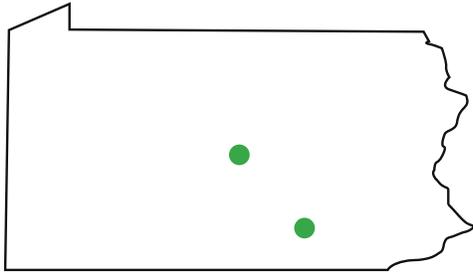
Philadelphia school students attend the dedication of the 1967 Black Student Walkouts marker they nominated.



East Brandywine Township Historical Commission and PHMC commissioner Bill Lewis gather at the Jim Croce marker dedication.



# ADVISING



The Pennsylvania History Code and Pennsylvania Constitution authorize PHMC, through PA SHPO, the opportunity to formalize agreements between state agencies.

The long-awaited Memorandum of Understanding for Cultural Resources (MOU) between the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation & Natural Resources (DCNR) and PHMC has been fully executed and is in effect through October 2027. This statewide agreement supports efforts to develop a streamlined approach for cultural resource reviews under the Pennsylvania State History Code, as more effective and efficient consultation is in the public interest.

The MOU outlines respective agency responsibility as stewards of Pennsylvania's historic and cultural resources. It also streamlines compliance with state legislation regarding the management of such resources for state-funded and/or state-permitted projects in the DCNR-managed state park and forest lands. National and state agencies and commissions and federally recognized tribes with a stated interest were invited as consulting parties to participate in the review of the MOU.



The dam in Penn Roosevelt State Park was built by one of Pennsylvania's Black Civilian Conservation Corps camps.

Caledonia State Park's Thaddeus Stevens' Iron Furnace Monument is part of the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom and was reconstructed from the original iron furnace as a monument to Stevens and his significant role in abolitionism.

PHOTO BY ANGIE JAILLET-WENTLING, PA DCNR

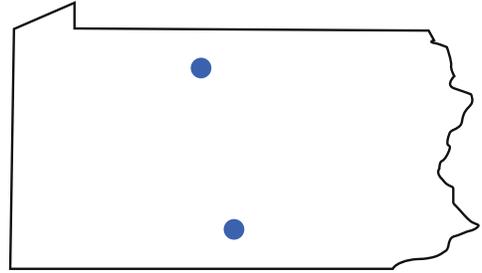


# RECORDING

Two notable National Register of Historic Places listings record important places as a part of their preservation.

The Cameron County Courthouse was listed in the National Register in October 2022. It represents a significant contribution to the history of civic architecture in the borough of Emporium. Constructed in 1890, the courthouse is a three-story, Romanesque Revival-style building designed by Amos S. Wagner and built by John W. Kriner. It is the first National Register listing in the county and one of several proactive National Register nominations PA SHPO has recently sponsored. Each of Pennsylvania's 67 counties now have at least one property with this designation.

Located along the Conodoguinet Creek in West Pennsboro Township, Cumberland County, the Diller/Heishman Gristmill was associated with the grist and roller milling industry from the early 19th century to the mid-20th century. The stone and frame mill building, constructed ca.1800 and expanded/updated ca.1920-22, retains its machinery, intact dam, and water-powered pond and trace system. Listing the mill in the National Register was one of the tools used to save the best-preserved gristmill in Cumberland County. Preservation PA, which listed the mill, also established an in-perpetuity historic preservation easement to guide exterior changes to the mill in the future.

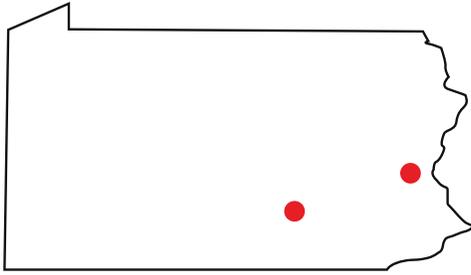


Cameron County Courthouse in Emporium is the county's first National Register listing.

The National Register listing of the Diller/Heishman Gristmill in West Pennsboro Township, Cumberland County, was a significant first step in the process for its preservation.



# EDUCATING



Education is the foundation of PA SHPO's programs and one of the best tools available for preservation.

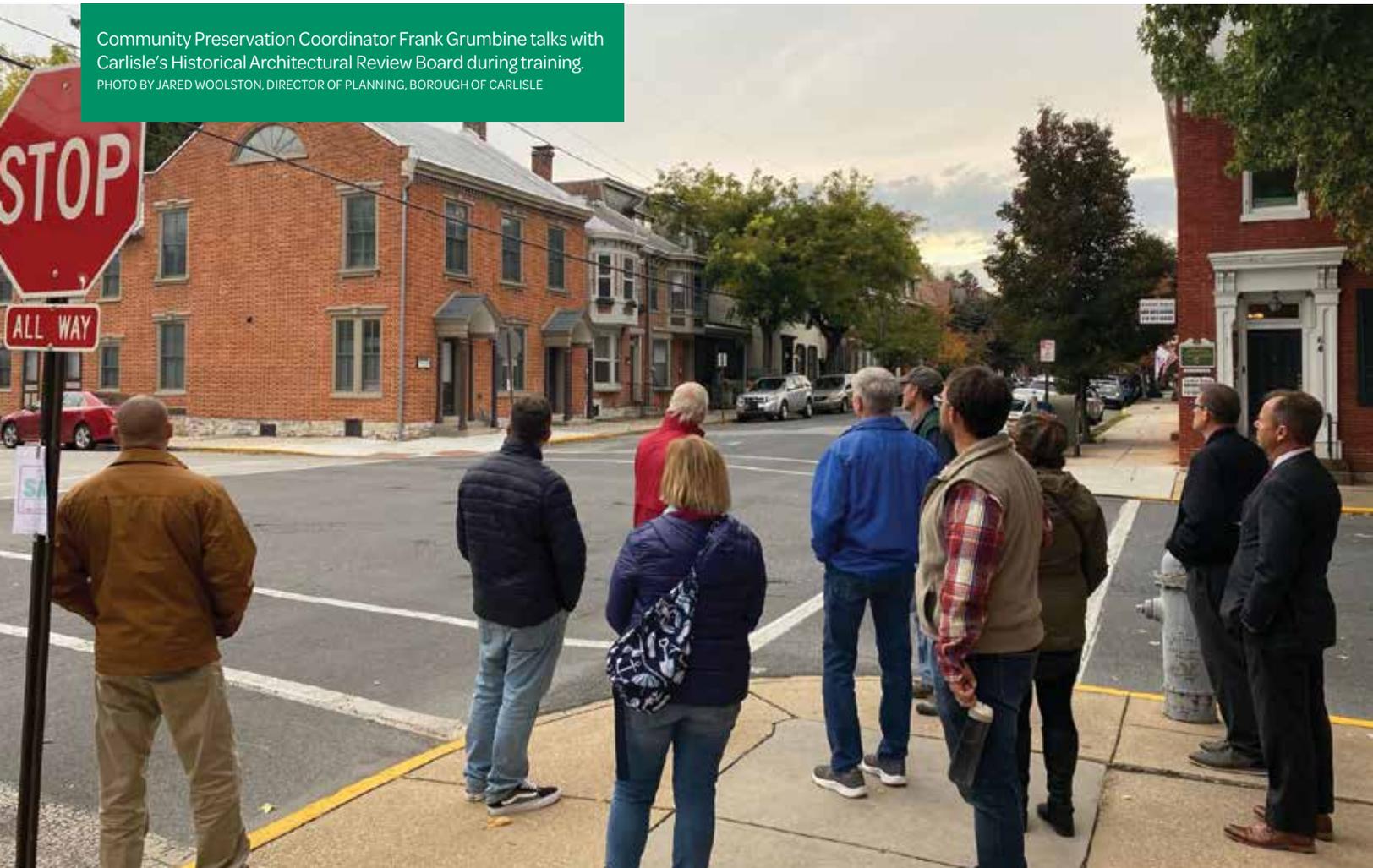
In the Borough of Carlisle, PA SHPO's Central Region community preservation coordinator led a tour to educate local volunteers on architectural styles, building materials, and conservation methods. Carlisle is one of Pennsylvania's Certified Local Governments, and ongoing training for the Historical Architectural Review Board is required to maintain their certification. The training not only gives them the information needed to make defensible decisions but also strengthens the borough's relationship with PA SHPO and encourages intergovernmental cooperation for community planning.

In Bethlehem, PA SHPO staff spoke with building code and municipal officials from across Pennsylvania at the annual PENNBOC building codes conference. This year's conference focused on historic buildings and the opportunities and challenges related to updating historic buildings to meet life safety requirements. PA SHPO and its partner, architect Ted Vedock of Hammel Associates Architects, educated attendees about the basics of historic preservation, local-level historic preservation, The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties, and creative solutions to common-code challenges in historic buildings.

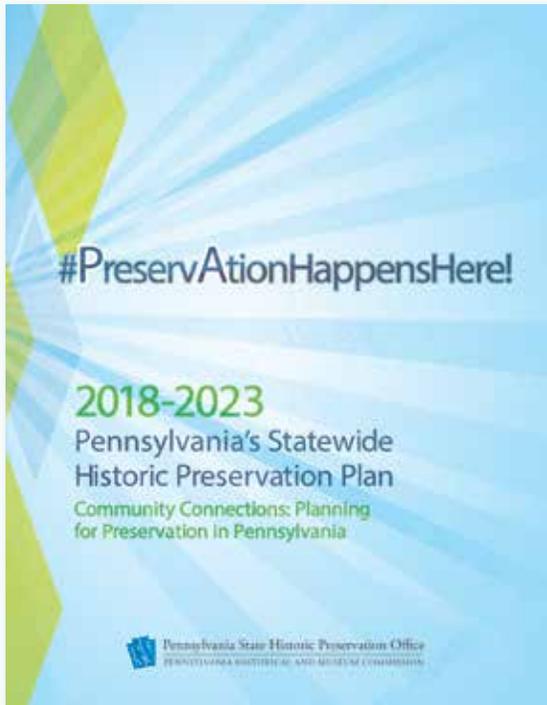


Community Preservation Coordinator Megan McNish, left, and Ted Vedock speak at the PENNBOC building codes conference.

Community Preservation Coordinator Frank Grumbine talks with Carlisle's Historical Architectural Review Board during training.  
PHOTO BY JARED WOOLSTON, DIRECTOR OF PLANNING, BOROUGH OF CARLISLE



# #PreservationHappensHere



The nonprofit Friends of Fort Halifax Park led two important preservation and discovery efforts at Fort Halifax Park in 2021. They supported Juniata College's archaeological field school, which uncovered the location of historic Fort Halifax, and they advocated for the preservation of the park's 19th-century farmhouse and Schweitzer barn.

## ***Pennsylvania's Statewide Historic Preservation Plan***

Every community deserves the chance to realize the economic, environmental and quality-of-life benefits that historic preservation offers. Pennsylvania's Statewide Historic Preservation Plan, with its four realistic and relatable goals, can help.

The statewide historic preservation planning process gathered brilliant ideas about how we can improve the future of the commonwealth's historic places from thousands of Pennsylvanians. The resulting plan is a means to achieving that goal, but to be successful, the plan must mobilize people and resources.

**Learn more at [www.phmc.pa.gov/Preservation/About/Pages/Statewide-Historic-Preservation-Plan](http://www.phmc.pa.gov/Preservation/About/Pages/Statewide-Historic-Preservation-Plan).**

## ***Community Initiative Awards***

PA SHPO's Community Initiative Awards recognize organizations, municipalities, agencies and individuals whose work embodies the spirit of #PreservationHappensHere.

#PreservationHappensHere is the idea that great preservation activities are happening every day across Pennsylvania. These activities, whether they may or may not be thought of as historic preservation, nevertheless need to be identified, shared and celebrated.

PA SHPO is always looking for the next Preservation Success Story for the Community Initiative Awards. To be considered, Pennsylvanians can simply use the #PreservationHappensHere hashtag in their social media posts or submit their success story through PA-SHARE.

**View the list of award winners and learn more at [www.phmc.pa.gov/Preservation/education-outreach/Pages/Community-Initiative-Awards](http://www.phmc.pa.gov/Preservation/education-outreach/Pages/Community-Initiative-Awards).**



# Education and Outreach

**126,655**

views of PA SHPO's blog posts in 2022

**4,963**

people received PA SHPO's newsletters last year

Education and outreach are core components of PA SHPO's mission and programs, empowering Pennsylvanians to engage and promote preservation in their own communities. PA SHPO works with a wide variety of audiences, including the general public, municipal governments, tribes, legislators, and state and federal agencies.

PA SHPO's role is to provide information about historic preservation activities and offer assistance with the federal and state historic preservation programs in Pennsylvania. Guided by the Education & Training Program Strategic Plan, PA SHPO works to:

- meet audience needs for education and training;
- increase access to accurate and timely information;
- improve the use of federal and state programs;
- advance knowledge of historic preservation in Pennsylvania; and

- foster stronger relationships with partner agencies and organizations.

In addition to the education and outreach PA SHPO conducts daily, there are other specific tools and activities used for reaching Pennsylvanians, including:

- a weekly blog, [pahistoricpreservation.com](http://pahistoricpreservation.com), which covers a variety of topics relating to historic preservation, archaeology and Pennsylvania history;
- two monthly and two biannual e-newsletters;
- live and recorded webinars, workshops and presentations; and
- exhibit booths at partner conferences and events.

**Learn more at [www.phmc.pa.gov/Preservation/education-outreach](http://www.phmc.pa.gov/Preservation/education-outreach).**



PA SHPO discussed historic preservation with the Crawford County Historical Society at the James & Elizabeth Tarr Mansion during its Annual Meeting.

# Historic Property Inspection Program

18

Property inspections completed in 2022

365+

Active Covenants

PA SHPO launched the new Historic Property Inspection Program (HPIP) in February 2022 as one of two improvements to PHMC's covenant-monitoring responsibilities, the first being the management of covenant agreements through PA-SHARE.

A preservation covenant, sometimes called an easement, is a legal document that is executed between two parties to ensure that a property will remain in good condition and that all physical changes will be done in such a way to ensure that the building remains listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

PHMC holds more than 365 active covenants on historic properties. Most of the current agreements are associated with construction projects funded through the Keystone Historic Preservation Grant Program. PHMC's covenant agreements require property owners to notify and consult with PA SHPO staff about any proposed work on their historic buildings. The staff then evaluates the project to ensure

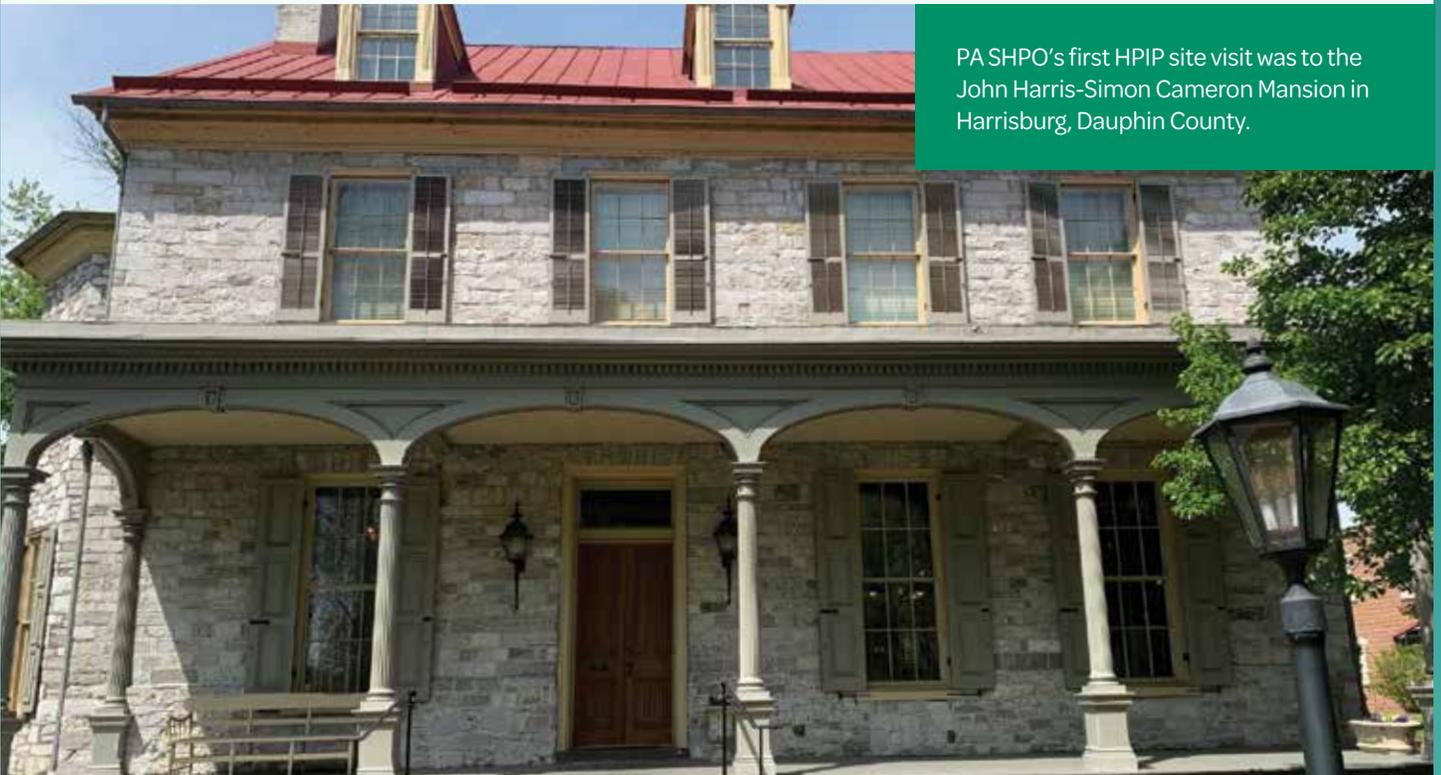
that the character-defining features are retained during any project and that the proposed project is compliant with The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties.

*The goals of HPIP include:*

- increasing monitoring to build better relationships with property owners;
- proactively and systematically monitoring covenants during the life of the agreement term;
- increasing property owner access to PHMC staff and other resources that might address the long-term stewardship of significant properties; and
- encouraging past Keystone grant recipients to continue their relationship with PHMC's grant program.

Learn more at <https://www.phmc.pa.gov/Preservation/Grants-Funding/Pages/Covenants.aspx>.

PA SHPO's first HPIP site visit was to the John Harris-Simon Cameron Mansion in Harrisburg, Dauphin County.



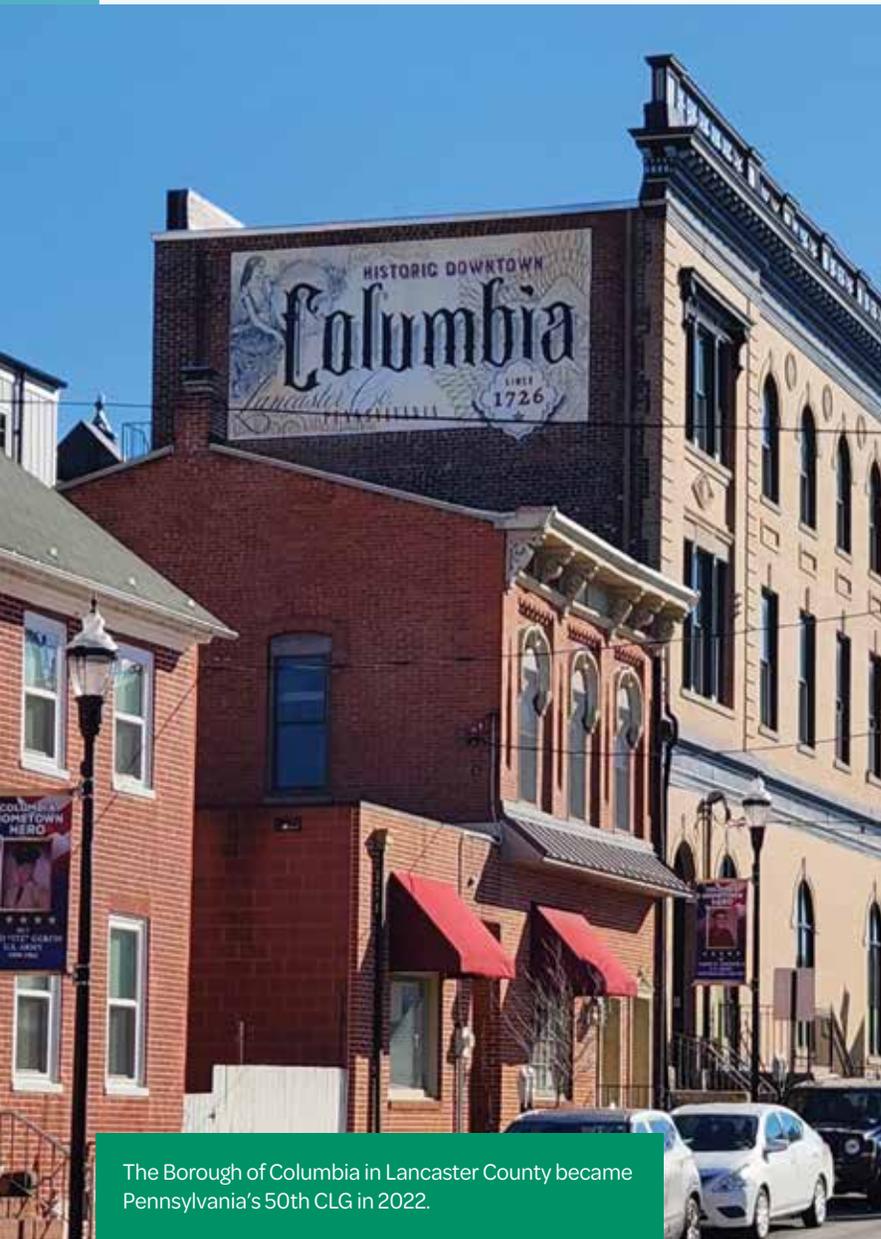
# Certified Local Government Program

50

municipalities in Pennsylvania are part of the CLG program

\$155,000

in grants awarded for preservation projects in CLGs in 2022



The Borough of Columbia in Lancaster County became Pennsylvania's 50th CLG in 2022.

Local governments can invigorate their historic preservation activities by participating in the Certified Local Government (CLG) program. Enabled by a 1980 amendment to the National Historic Preservation Act, this National Park Service program gives municipalities the opportunity to strengthen local historic preservation activities through exclusive funding incentives and enhanced technical assistance. In Pennsylvania, the CLG program is administered by PA SHPO.

To be certified, local governments agree to enact historic preservation ordinances and/or zoning and participate in the process of nominating and reviewing properties in their municipality for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. CLGs also agree to maintain and update information on historic resources in their communities and to provide training for local historic district review boards and/or historic preservation commissions.

One of the benefits to becoming a CLG is financial. Federal law requires that PA SHPO set aside at least 10 percent of its Historic Preservation Fund allocation for distribution to CLGs. In Pennsylvania, designated CLG municipalities can apply for this federal funding through an annual competitive matching grant program.

PA SHPO employs three community preservation coordinators—one each in the eastern, central and western sections of the state—to assist CLGs. These coordinators are also available to assist any Pennsylvania community with historic preservation planning, technical assistance, support and education upon request.

**Learn more at [www.phmc.pa.gov/Preservation/CLG-Program](http://www.phmc.pa.gov/Preservation/CLG-Program).**

# Community Preservation Program

113

engagements with local communities in 2022

2,873

people engaged through Community Preservation Outreach in 2022

Municipalities have many options available to them for identifying, preserving and enhancing historic places in their communities. To help municipalities and organizations foster and manage historic preservation programs at the local level, PA SHPO's three regional community preservation coordinators offer technical assistance, advice and educational programs, such as:

**Historic Preservation Planning:** The Municipalities Planning Code calls on counties and municipalities to include provisions for preserving historic places and archaeological sites in their comprehensive plans and zoning. PA SHPO has guidance to assist with developing an effective comprehensive historic preservation plan.

**Ordinances and Overlays:** For municipalities considering a preservation ordinance or zoning code amendment to protect historic properties, PA SHPO can help find the right solution based on the community's goals, its historic character, and the administrative capacity of its municipal staff and volunteers.

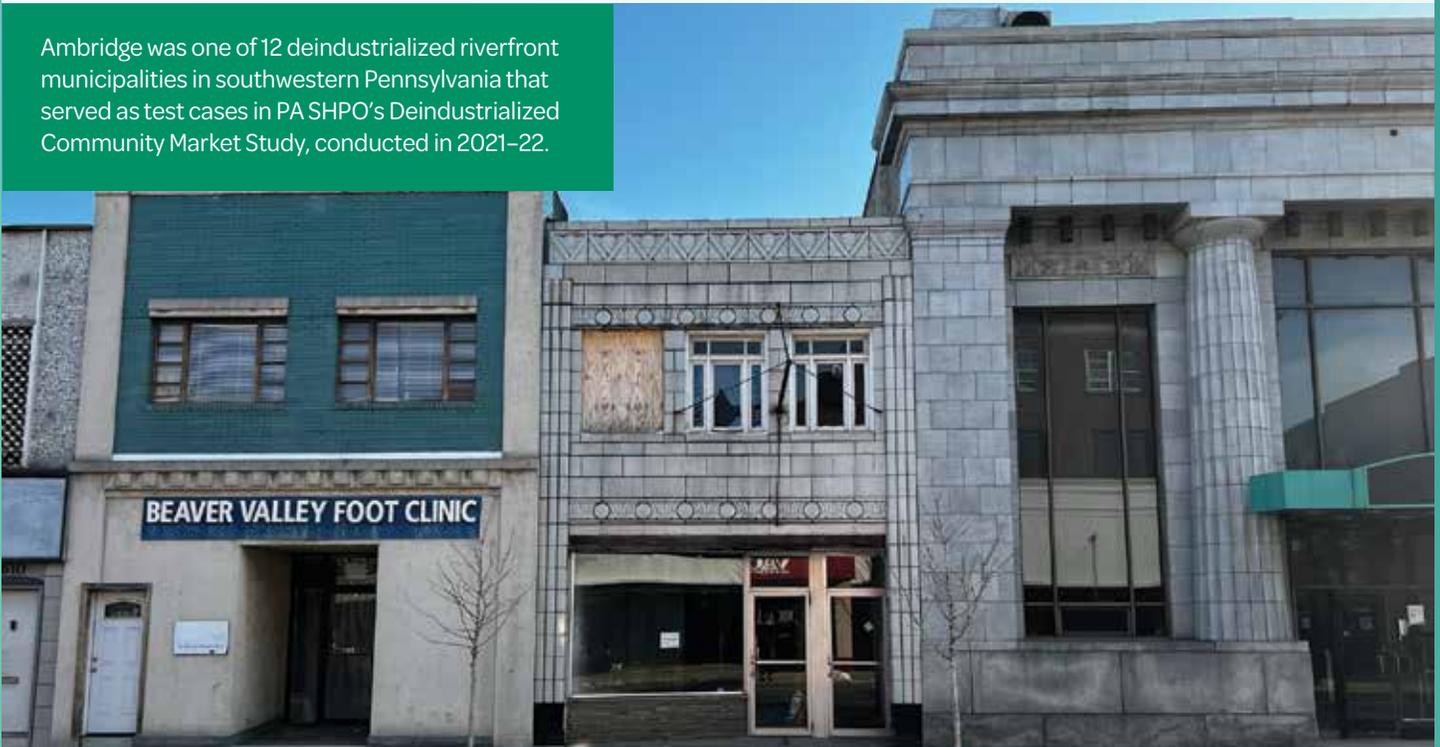
**Resources for Historic Architectural Review Boards and Historical Commissions:** PA SHPO offers technical assistance, support and education for Review Board members and municipal staff.

**Preservation Strategies:** PA SHPO can help municipalities and organizations navigate state and federal historic preservation programs, promote community revitalization and economic development, and investigate options for preserving key properties.

**Historic District Act Certification:** PA SHPO can assist municipalities interested in designating a local historic district under the Historic District Act (Act 167 of 1961). Assistance can include identifying boundaries, preparing certification requests, and reviewing ordinance language and procedures.

Learn more at [www.phmc.pa.gov/Preservation/Community-Preservation](http://www.phmc.pa.gov/Preservation/Community-Preservation).

Ambridge was one of 12 deindustrialized riverfront municipalities in southwestern Pennsylvania that served as test cases in PA SHPO's Deindustrialized Community Market Study, conducted in 2021–22.



# Keystone Historic Preservation Planning Grants

**\$359,905**

in planning grants awarded to 17 projects in 12 counties in 2022

**\$2.1+ million**

in planning grants awarded to help 138 historic places to date

PA SHPO administers the Keystone Historic Preservation Grant Program, which was established in 1994 under the Keystone Recreation, Park & Conservation Fund to support projects that identify, preserve, promote and protect historic properties of Pennsylvania for both the benefit of the public and the revitalization of communities.

Planning grants provide financial assistance of \$5,000 to \$25,000 as a reimbursable matching grant to nonprofit organizations and local governments for the planning and development for publicly accessible historic properties that are listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

## Planning grants support work in four broad categories.

### *Cultural Resource Surveys, such as:*

- historic site surveys,
- architectural surveys,
- archaeological surveys, and
- thematic surveys.

### *National Register Nominations for:*

- historic districts, including rural historic districts;
- Multiple Property Documentation Forms (MPDFs); and
- archaeological sites.

### *Planning and Project Development, such as:*

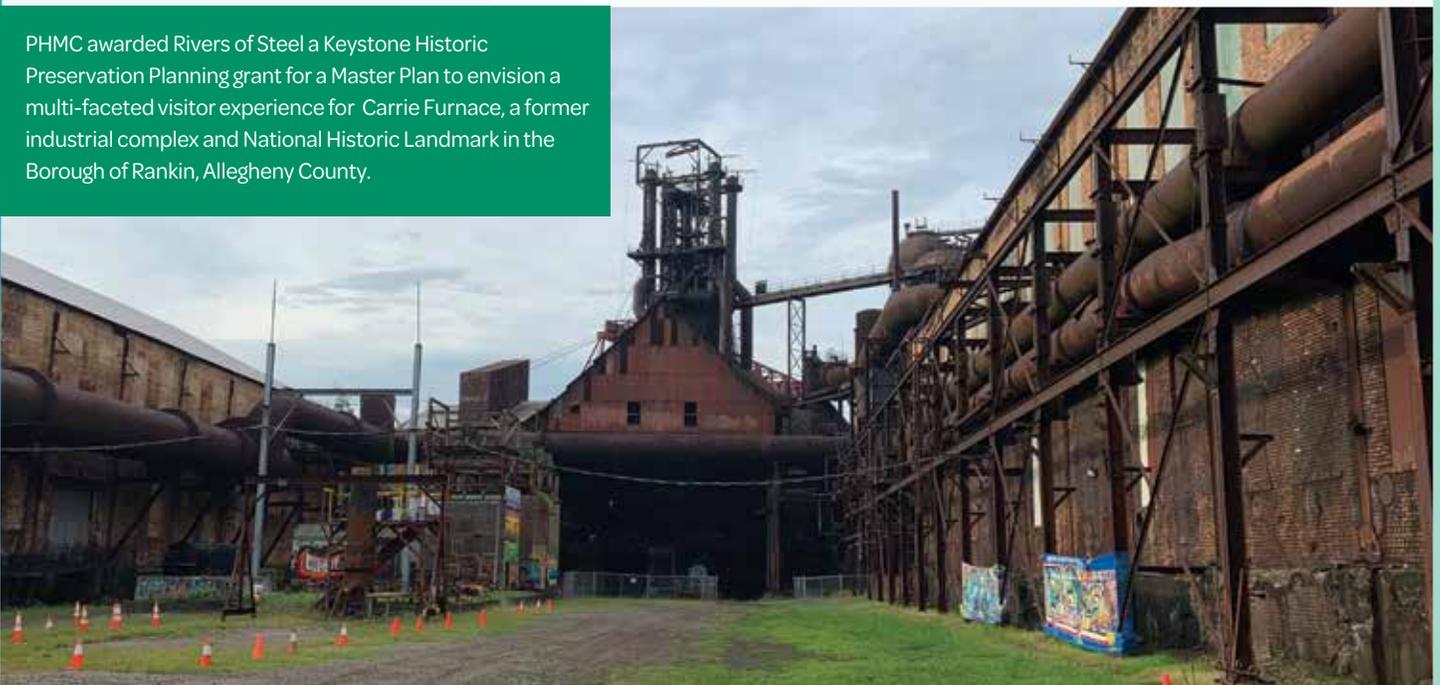
- municipal, regional, building, and/or archaeological site preservation plans;
- historic structure reports;
- design guidelines; and
- feasibility studies.

### *Archaeology, such as:*

- development of regional site sensitivity models,
- preparation of regional and/or temporal syntheses,
- research and artifact analysis, and
- problem-oriented excavation projects.

Learn more at [www.phmc.pa.gov/Preservation/Grants-Funding/Pages/Planning-Projects](http://www.phmc.pa.gov/Preservation/Grants-Funding/Pages/Planning-Projects).

PHMC awarded Rivers of Steel a Keystone Historic Preservation Planning grant for a Master Plan to envision a multi-faceted visitor experience for Carrie Furnace, a former industrial complex and National Historic Landmark in the Borough of Rankin, Allegheny County.



# Keystone Historic Preservation Construction Grants

**\$2.274+ million**

in construction grants awarded to 30 projects in 15 counties in 2022

**\$45+ million**

in construction grants awarded to 812 historic places to date

The Keystone Historic Preservation Construction Grants are one of the few dedicated funding sources available to support brick-and-mortar historic preservation projects in Pennsylvania. Construction grants provide financial assistance as a reimbursable grant for capital improvement projects and require a 50/50 cash match. Often, Keystone grant dollars are part of a larger funding program.

Nonprofit organizations and public agencies that own or support a publicly accessible historic property listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places or that own or support a contributing resource in a listed or eligible historic district may apply.

This is a competitive grant program. Applicants can request a minimum of \$5,000 to a maximum of \$100,000 for projects involving preservation, restoration or rehabilitation construction activities. All work must meet The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties.

**Keystone construction grants can be used for:**

- interior work,
- exterior work,
- some site work,
- building systems, and
- accessibility improvements for people with disabilities.

**Keystone construction grants do not fund:**

- mitigation activities or archaeological excavations,
- new construction or building additions,
- routine maintenance,
- landscaping as part of nonhistoric site improvements,
- predevelopment work, or
- property acquisition.

Learn more at [www.phmc.pa.gov/Preservation/Grants-Funding/Pages/Construction-Projects](http://www.phmc.pa.gov/Preservation/Grants-Funding/Pages/Construction-Projects).

A Keystone Historic Preservation Construction grant is helping the Borough of Bellefonte (Centre County), one of Pennsylvania's Certified Local Governments, install a new roof on the historic 1889 Bellefonte Train Station.



# Federal Historic Tax Credit

**\$330+ million**

of new rehabilitation work for 64 projects in 2022

**\$8+ billion**

of new rehabilitation work for 2,700+ projects since 1976

Historic Tax Credits are the most widely used historic preservation incentive program in the country.

Since the inception of the federal Historic Tax Credit program in 1976, Pennsylvania has been a national leader in certified tax credit projects. The commonwealth consistently ranks in the top 10 states in the nation for qualified rehabilitations and total project investments in the hundreds of millions of dollars.

Designed to encourage private investment in the reuse of historic buildings, the Historic Tax Credit program allows the owners of income-producing properties to take a dollar-for-dollar tax credit on federal income tax for eligible planning and construction costs related to the rehabilitation of a historic property for its new use.

A 20 percent tax credit is available for certified historic properties. *To be eligible for the 20 percent tax credit:*

- the property must be individually listed in the National Register, contribute to a National Register historic district, or contribute to a Certified Local District;
- the property must be used for income-producing purposes;
- the property must be owned by the same owner and be an income-producing property for five years;
- the rehabilitation work must follow The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties; and
- the project must meet the "substantial rehabilitation test" and be completed within 24 months.

PA SHPO administers the Historic Tax Credit program in partnership with the National Park Service and the Internal Revenue Service. Applicants submit the three-part application to PA SHPO for review, which is then forwarded to the National Park Service for final certification.

Learn more at [www.phmc.pa.gov/Preservation/tax-credits/Pages/Federal-Tax-Credits](http://www.phmc.pa.gov/Preservation/tax-credits/Pages/Federal-Tax-Credits).



Federal Historic Tax Credits were a key component of the funding package to rehabilitate the former Bishop Boyle High School in Homestead, Allegheny County, into apartments.

# Pennsylvania Historic Preservation Tax Credit

**\$5 million**

awarded to 25 projects in 2022

**\$33 million**

invested by the commonwealth for 122 projects since 2012

The Pennsylvania Historic Preservation Tax Credit is an important economic development tool for property owners and developers that benefits communities.

Administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development (DCED) with assistance from the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue and PA SHPO, the Pennsylvania Historic Preservation Tax Credit program provides tax credits to qualified taxpayers who will be completing the rehabilitation of a qualified historic structure into an income-producing property.

***To be eligible for the state historic preservation tax credit:***

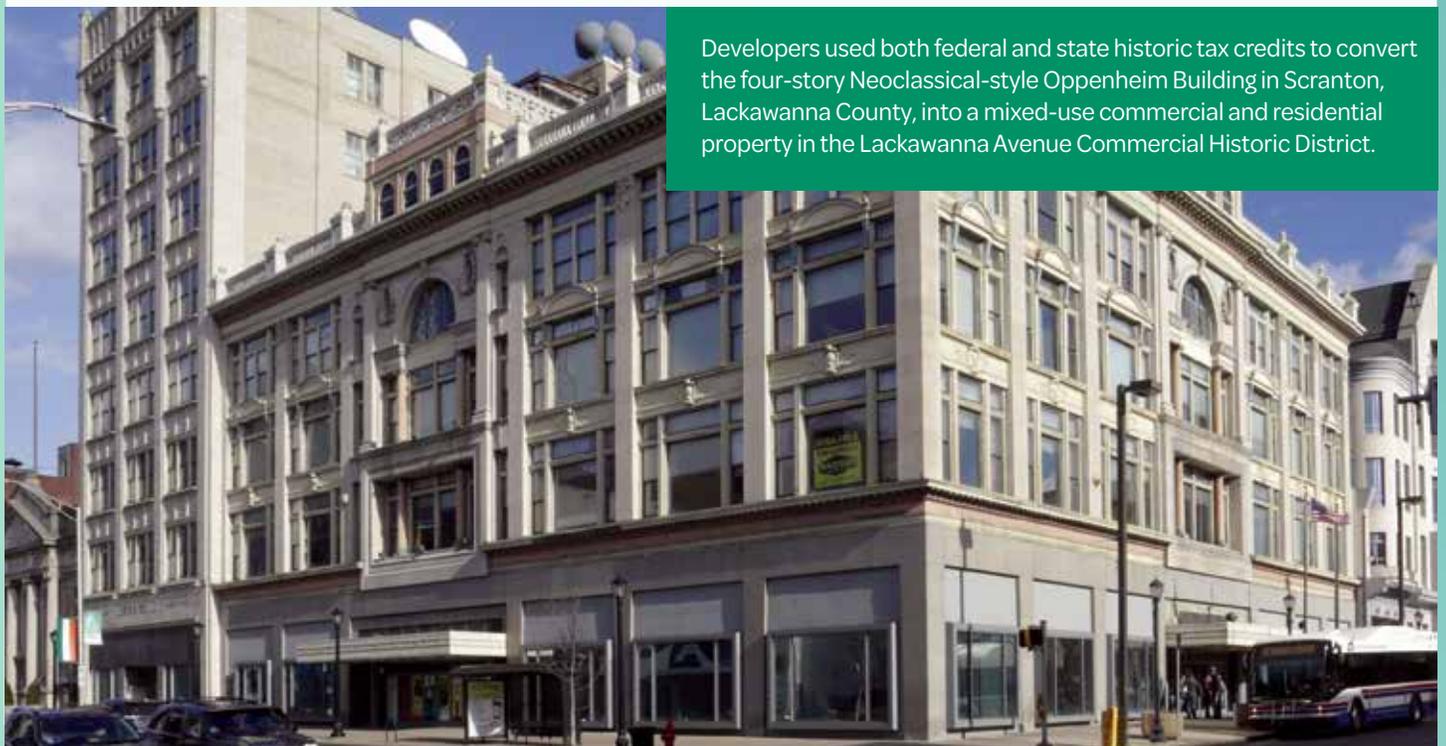
- properties must be listed in the National Register of Historic Places or contribute to a listed historic district;
- applicants must have a rehabilitation plan that is approved by PA SHPO as being consistent with The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties; and

- applicants must be qualified taxpayers, which includes an individual, corporation, limited liability company, limited liability partnership or any other form of legal business entity.

In each application round, a maximum of \$5 million in tax credits is available for distribution to qualifying projects on a first come, first serve basis, with equitable regional distribution.

On July 2, 2012, Pennsylvania became the 30th state in the country to offer a state historic tax credit. In 2019 the Pennsylvania Historic Preservation Tax Credit was reauthorized and extended to 2031 with some significant improvements: the annual allocation was increased to \$5 million per project and program language was clarified for timing, recapture provides, and transferring the credits.

**Learn more at [www.phmc.pa.gov/Preservation/tax-credits/Pages/State-Tax-Credits](http://www.phmc.pa.gov/Preservation/tax-credits/Pages/State-Tax-Credits).**



Developers used both federal and state historic tax credits to convert the four-story Neoclassical-style Oppenheim Building in Scranton, Lackawanna County, into a mixed-use commercial and residential property in the Lackawanna Avenue Commercial Historic District.

# Historical Marker Program

14

Historical Markers dedicated in 2022

2,560+

Historical Markers throughout Pennsylvania

In Pennsylvania's many diverse communities, the iconic blue-and-gold, cast-aluminum markers are history lessons, travelers' guideposts, tourist attractions, and sources of local pride.

Since 1946 Pennsylvania Historical Markers have chronicled the people, places, events and innovations that have affected the lives of Pennsylvanians over the centuries. They feature subjects such as Native Americans, early settlers, government leaders, athletes, artists, entertainers, struggles for freedom and equality, industries, businesses, and many other noteworthy topics.

PA SHPO works with a variety of communities and people to help identify eligible stories, prepare a nomination, manufacture and install the markers, and plan dedication ceremonies.

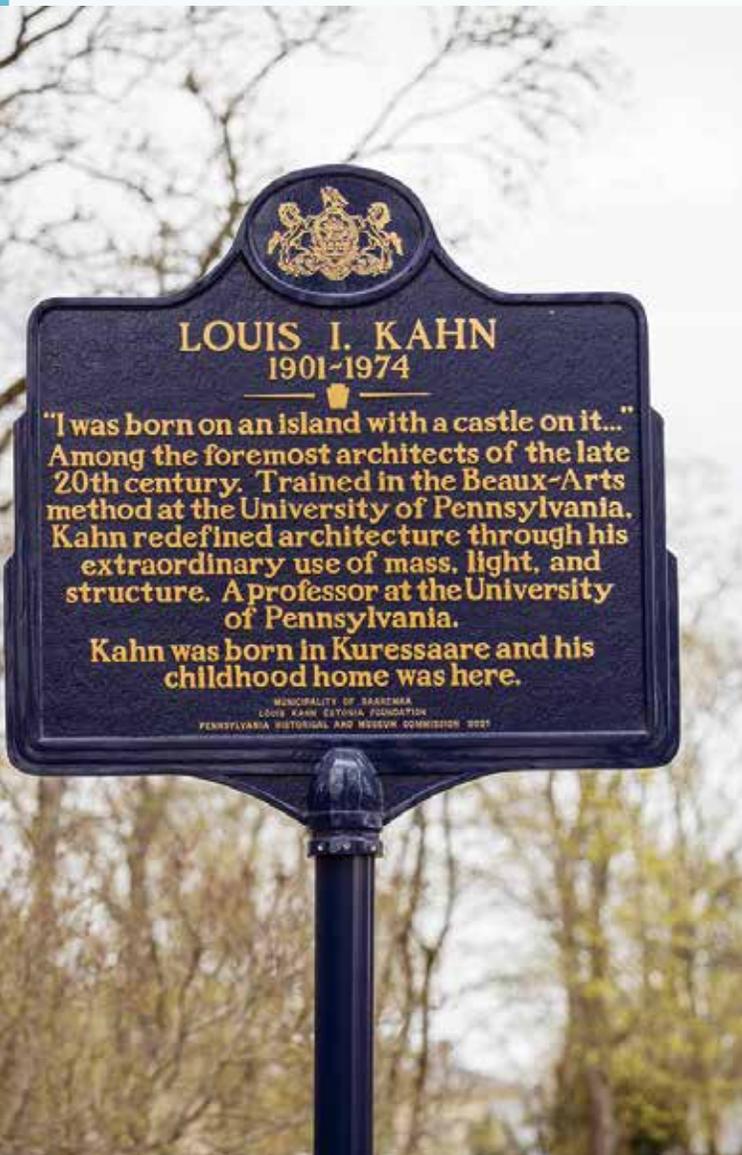
Pennsylvania Historical Marker nominations are encouraged for underrepresented subjects, specifically archaeology, people and events in counties other than Philadelphia, and the history of women, African Americans, Hispanics, Asian Americans and LGBTQ people.

Any individual or organization may submit a nomination for a marker. Nominations are submitted through PA-SHARE and must be received on or before the annual June 1 deadline.

The nominations are reviewed by a panel of independent experts in both academic and public history fields with geographic distribution across the state. If a marker is approved, PA SHPO works with the nominator to finalize the text. PHMC assumes the costs for manufacturing and delivering the marker.

Most markers are dedicated in public events featuring officials, community representatives, local historians and others. Each dedication presents opportunities for Pennsylvanians to celebrate and understand their heritage.

Learn more at [www.phmc.pa.gov/Preservation/Historical-Markers](http://www.phmc.pa.gov/Preservation/Historical-Markers).



Pennsylvania history went international when PHMC's first bilingual Pennsylvania Historical Marker for famed architect Louis Kahn was installed in his native hometown of Kuressaare, Estonia, sponsored by the Louis Kahn Estonia Foundation. Kahn was born in 1901 in Estonia, and in 1906 his family moved to Philadelphia, where he later established his own architectural firm.

# National Register of Historic Places

23

properties listed in the National Register in 2022

3,520+

buildings, districts, archaeological sites, structures and objects listed in the National Register in Pennsylvania

Pennsylvanians list their properties in the National Register of Historic Places for different reasons. For some, listing brings opportunities for funding that helps with the costs of preserving, rehabilitating or maintaining a historic property. For others, inclusion in the National Register provides opportunities for recognizing the historic places that are important to a community and for educating others about the value of a community's irreplaceable assets.

The National Register of Historic Places is the official list of the nation's historic places worthy of preservation. It is a federal program, authorized by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, and is administered by PA SHPO in partnership with the National Park Service. Listing is one tool Pennsylvanians can use to help them reach their preservation goals for their historic properties.

In Pennsylvania, PA SHPO assists dozens of communities, municipalities and property owners with the National Register listing process each year. Because listing unlocks opportunities for preservation, the program is often used in conjunction with other state and federal historic preservation programs. As part of PHMC's commitment to diversity, equity, inclusion and accessibility, PA SHPO routinely identifies older and historic places that can benefit from listing in the National Register and pursues nominations, either through staff preparation or a hired consultant, for a select number of properties each year.

National Register nominations are reviewed by Pennsylvania's Historic Preservation Board three times a year in February, June and October at public meetings.

Learn more at [www.phmc.pa.gov/Preservation/National-Register](http://www.phmc.pa.gov/Preservation/National-Register).

The Williamson Free School of Mechanical Trades in Delaware County was founded by Philadelphia merchant and philanthropist Isaiah Vasant Williamson in 1890 to help poor or orphaned boys learn a trade and to support themselves financially. The 220-acre campus was listed in the National Register on October 6, 2022.



# Survey Programs

**14,200+**

above ground resources added to PA-SHARE in 2022

**380+**

archaeological resources added to PA-SHARE in 2022

PA SHPO manages two survey programs for identifying and recording older and historic places in Pennsylvania: the Pennsylvania Above Ground Survey (PAGS) and the Pennsylvania Archaeological Site Survey (PASS).

Information collected through these survey programs is added to Pennsylvania's statewide inventory of buildings, sites, structures, objects and districts. This inventory is available online through PA-SHARE for the benefit of all Pennsylvanians.

PAGS collects information about the commonwealth's historic and cultural places, such as buildings, farms, bridges, parks, neighborhoods and landscapes. Throughout the commonwealth, Pennsylvanians are dedicating their time to photographing and documenting the historic and cultural places that they care about, and they are sharing their work with PA SHPO.

Places identified through PAGS are mapped in PA SHPO's online GIS database. Property-level data, when available, can be accessed by individuals, property owners, municipalities, planners, and state and federal agencies to help them in their planning efforts. The launch of PA-SHARE's Surveyor suite of tools this year has made this sharing even easier.

PASS is PA SHPO's statewide inventory of more than 26,000 recorded archaeological sites, representing 16,000 years of Pennsylvania's history. Archaeological site information has been collected across Pennsylvania since the 1940s.

PA SHPO welcomes site information from everyone, including museums, historical societies, students and collectors. Recording finds and their locations is an important step in learning about the past and protecting these important places.

[Learn more at www.phmc.pa.gov/Preservation/survey.](http://www.phmc.pa.gov/Preservation/survey)

A PA SHPO staff member conducts an archaeological survey in advance of proposed improvements at the Drake Oil Well National Historic Landmark site in Venango County.



# Baseline Survey

**20,000+**

historic and archaeological resources will be surveyed in 52 counties by 2024

**10,400+**

historic resources were added to PA-SHARE from the Baseline Survey in 2022

In 2022 PA SHPO refined the Baseline Survey program, which was started in 2021 as a multiyear effort to collect baseline information about thousands of older and historic places across a vast part of Pennsylvania that are underrepresented in Pennsylvania's statewide inventory.

There are several benefits to collecting data on historic resources in Pennsylvania. Historic places define a community's character, continuity and sense of uniqueness. A locally important historic resource might never appear on a list of nationally significant places but its identification in a survey acknowledges that these resources have value to Pennsylvania's communities and future generations.

Survey data can also inform inventories of National Register historic districts, which can lead to the use of historic preservation tax credits and grants to stimulate rehabilitation of historic buildings. Data from the Baseline Survey effort can also be used to assist municipalities and organizations in their efforts to interpret and celebrate an area's history.

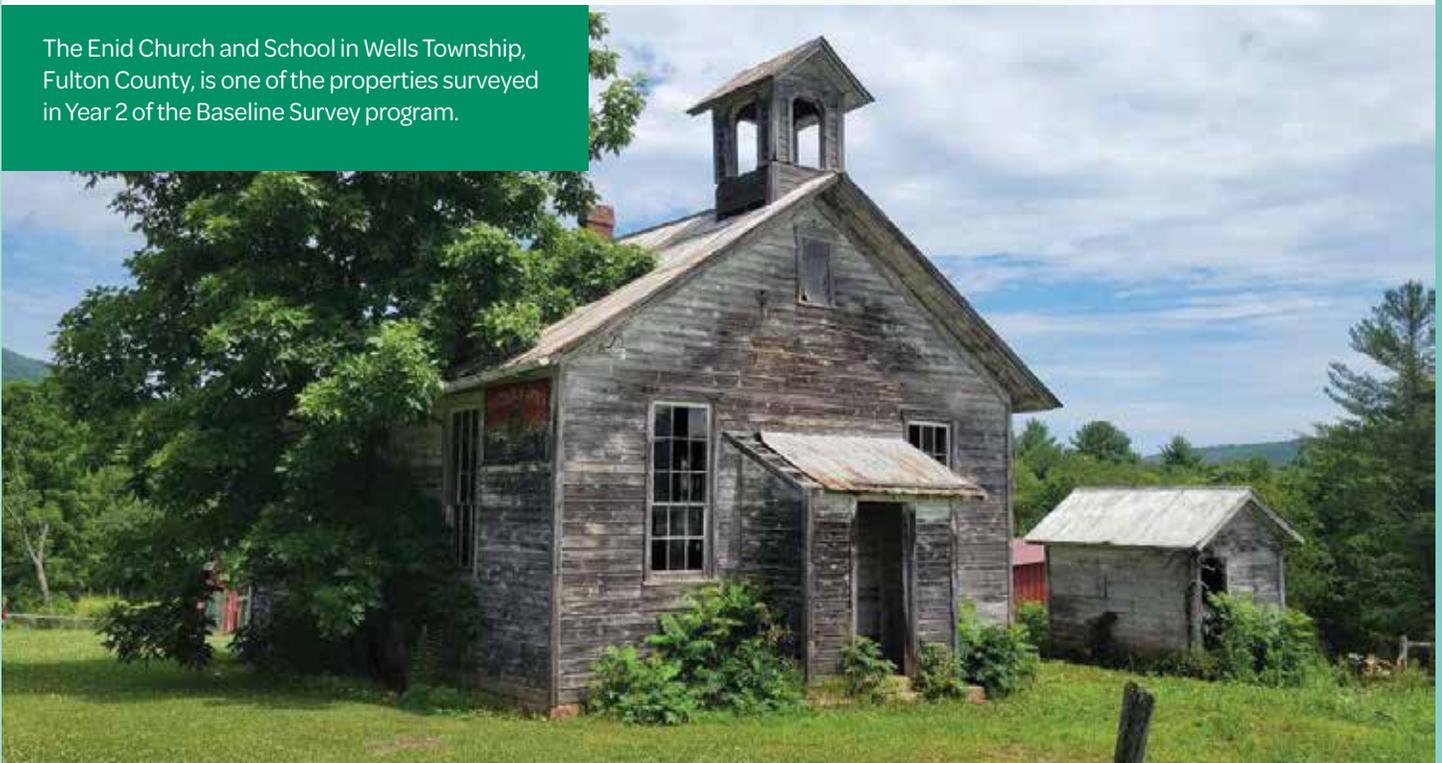
PA SHPO has identified several survey priorities for the Baseline Survey effort that reflect themes and geographies underrepresented in the Pennsylvania Historic Places Inventory and PA-SHARE:

- African American churches and cemeteries,
- places associated with racial and ethnic communities,
- places of local significance/importance as identified by local stakeholders, and
- surficial archaeological evidence.

Baseline Survey efforts will also collect information about recreational properties, urban redevelopment projects, fraternal buildings, representative mid-20th-century resources, industrial resources, and commercial and residential properties that represent local building traditions.

**Learn more at [www.phmc.pa.gov/Preservation/survey/Pages/Baseline-Survey-Effort-2020-2024](http://www.phmc.pa.gov/Preservation/survey/Pages/Baseline-Survey-Effort-2020-2024).**

The Enid Church and School in Wells Township, Fulton County, is one of the properties surveyed in Year 2 of the Baseline Survey program.



# Environmental Review

5,000+

Section 106 and Pennsylvania History Code projects reviewed in 2022

35

agreements signed with state and federal agencies in 2022



In Pennsylvania, the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, and the Pennsylvania History Code require federal and state agencies to take preservation into consideration when they propose a project that may affect historic properties, including historic landscapes and archaeological sites. PA SHPO refers to this consultation as Environmental Review.

Every day, PA SHPO Environmental Review staff work closely with local, state and federal agencies and historic preservation professionals to advise and assist them with procedures in the Environmental Review process, such as:

- identifying historic properties, including archaeological sites, in their project area; and
- determining if the proposed project will affect these properties.

If historic properties will be affected, PA SHPO staff will often assist agencies and their applicants to:

- seek and consider alternatives that avoid or minimize the potential impacts of a project, and
- identify mitigation options when adverse impacts are unavoidable.

PA SHPO has been working successfully with state and federal agencies and preservation stakeholders, known as consulting parties, to develop creative, innovative and meaningful mitigation in the public interest.

Examples of meaningful mitigation developed by PA SHPO staff in consultation with agencies this year include funding for historic barns and bridges, National Register nominations, and public education, including websites, published histories and exhibits.

Learn more at [www.phmc.pa.gov/Preservation/Environmental-Review](http://www.phmc.pa.gov/Preservation/Environmental-Review).



PA SHPO Environmental Review staff assisted with a Day of Service at the National Register-eligible Lebanon Cemetery in York, York County. In addition to cleaning headstones in advance of Veteran's Day, PA SHPO staff also provided input regarding conditions and preservation alternatives to the associated, but not contributing, caretaker's house.

## ***The Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Office is the official historic preservation agency for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.***

A bureau within the Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission, the Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Office administers state historic preservation programs authorized through the Pennsylvania History Code (Title 37) and manages several federal programs created by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470).

PA SHPO uses its resources to educate Pennsylvanians about the commonwealth's vast collection of historic and archaeological resources, encourage them to value these resources as part of Pennsylvania's collective past and future, and enable them to preserve the places that tell local, state and national stories for future generations.

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### **The government's investment in Pennsylvania's older and historic places has far-reaching benefits that touch every Pennsylvanian through the federal and state historic preservation programs administered by PA SHPO.**

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The U.S. Congress' Historic Preservation Fund (HPF), which is managed by the National Park Service, financially supports the work of all State Historic Preservation Offices and is used for activities that promote cultural heritage while bolstering the economy and creating jobs. The HPF, which is funded through offshore oil leases rather than federal taxes, provides a significant portion of PA SHPO's annual budget.

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania supports the work of PA SHPO through the General Government Operations fund and the Keystone Recreation, Park & Conservation Fund. PA SHPO also supplements its annual HPF budget through a number of partnerships with other state and federal agencies to support staffing and program activities.



PA SHPO staff, January 2023.



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